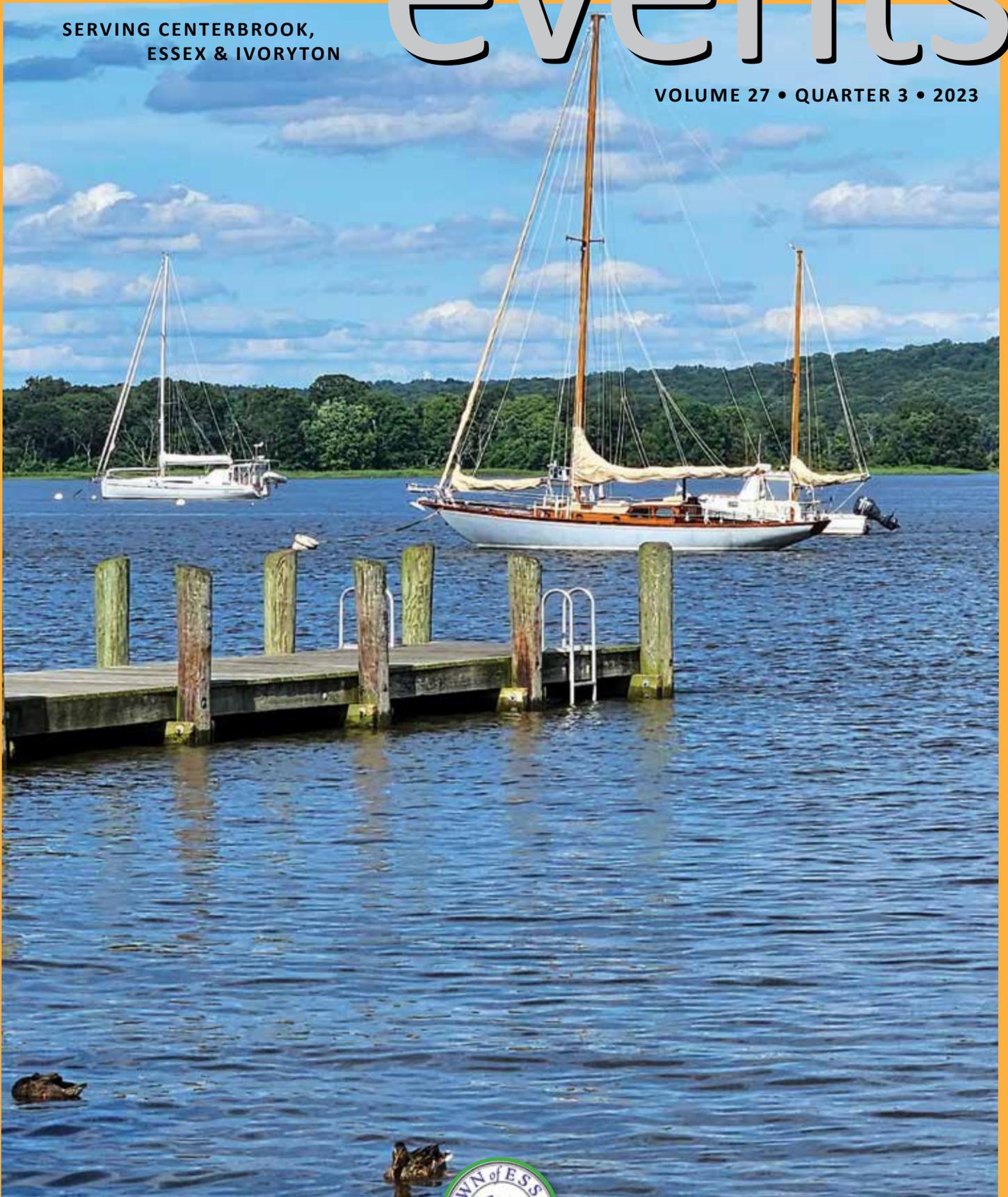


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ANNUAL BUDGET

First of all, I would like to thank the Essex residents for unanimously supporting the annual budget. The \$26,522,194 combined Town and Board of Education budget plan for fiscal year 2023-2024 was approved by voters at our Annual Town Budget Meeting held May 8th. The total spending package includes the Town government budget, an appropriation for Essex Elementary School, and the Town's share of the Region 4 education budget. I would like to give thanks to Finance Director Tracey Celentano, Selectmen Stacia Libby and Bruce Glowac, and the Board of Finance.

BE CONSIDERATE

I would also like to remind residents that the Town does not

have an ordinance on the hours of operation in which a contractor or landscaper may work at a property in our community. We would expect such hours to be 7:00 am - 5:00 pm on weekdays with more limited work on the weekends.



Norm Needleman
First Selectman

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a wheelchair or a baby carriage because the plants have invaded the space.

GRANT AWARDED

The Town of Essex was awarded a grant in the amount of \$595,611 for the construction of a critical pedestrian corridor connecting one of Essex's most densely populated neighborhoods (Heritage Cove) with North Main Street and the heart of Essex Village. The Town has been seeking funds for the construction of this sidewalk and pedestrian bridge for several years. A special thanks goes to the residents at Heritage Cove who have been lobbying for this sidewalk project since 2019.

HURRICANE SEASON HAS ARRIVED

Hurricane season is June 1st - November 30th each year, although storms can occur outside these dates. The Town of Essex has an Emergency Preparedness Guidebook and you may want to refer to these guidelines to help you plan.

SUMMER CONCERTS

The Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the Park and Recreation Department, runs from June 21st through the middle of August at our Town greens in Essex and Ivoryton. Concerts are Tuesday evenings in Ivoryton and Wednesday evenings in Essex from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. For other Town events, take a look at the Board of Trade's website at: www.essexct.com.

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ABOUT US

Created in 1949, Essex Community Fund is one of the oldest and most unique programs in the Essex Community that raises and distributes funds to our local non-profit organizations that focus on: food and meal programs, health services, education, supporting our senior citizens, fuel assistance, public safety, arts and culture. Thank you to our donors. With your donations we are able to continue to support these vital organizations that help to keep our community healthy and thriving.

2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS

Essex Community Fund is pleased to announce our 2023 Grant Recipients. We held our Evening of Giving at Scotch Plains Tavern. We are honored to be able to support the work that our grantees are doing to enrich our community and learn about new projects they are developing.

Little Compassion Inc. /The Nest	Gilead Community Services, Inc.
Camp Hazen YMCA	Incarnation Camp/Bushy Hill
Community Music School	Ivoryton Alliance
Essex Eagle Scouts	Ivoryton Library Association
Essex Elementary School Camperships	Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation
Essex Fuel Assistance Program	Region 4 Education Foundation
Essex Housing Authority	Shoreline Soup Kitchen and Pantries
Essex Veterans Memorial Hall	Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13 - Chester / Deep River / Essex
Essex Winter Series	Troop 13 - Boy Scouts - Chester / Deep River / Essex
Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.	Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau
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The three villages of Essex – Centerbrook, Essex, and Ivoryton – are buzzing with restaurant diners spill-

ing onto patios, terraces, and decks. Essex marinas and boat launches will be active with boaters, kayakers, and paddle boarders accessing the beautiful Connecticut River.



Travel to Essex, Alfresco Style: by boat!

Julia Hutchinson, President of the EBOT, says “Alfresco Essex defines the open-air experience that is central to our Experience Essex brand. It reinforces the fact that alfresco vibes are prominent every day in Essex, and in all three villages – Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton.”

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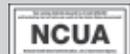
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Essex boasts many outdoor dining spots including Olive Oyl's, The Griswold Inn, Noah's at 63, Privateer's Pizza, and Dockside at Dauntless. Many of these venues will occasionally offer live music to heighten the Alfresco Essex experience.

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Scarecrow FestiFALL

The Essex Board of Trade (EBOT) is excited to host its annual Scarecrow FestiFALL this October! On any beautiful fall day between October 7 - 30, the popular "Scarecrow Lamp-Post Presentation" along the Main Streets of Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton villages will be on full display. Scarecrows created by Essex residents and businesses will be hung by October 7. Scarecrow viewers are encouraged to vote for their favorite. The first-place winner will get bragging rights!

EBOT is looking for more Scarecrow submissions this year from any and all community members!

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS:

- 1. Brainstorm ideas!** We accept silly, scary, creative, thoughtful Scarecrows!
- 2. Create your own!** Start crafting! Scarecrow frames are available upon request- email Julia, EBOT president.
- 3. Submit your Scarecrow by October 1, 2023** to J. Alden or Sweet P's.

With only two months to go before submissions are due, NOW is the time to get brainstorming! Let's make Essex come to life during October!



Scarecrow lamp-post presentation above and a classic scarecrow displayed on residential home in Essex.



If you would like more information regarding the Scarecrow FestiFALL, please email Julia, EBOT President: ebotpresident@gmail.com.



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Visiting Nurses of Lower Valley Announce 2023 Scholarship Award Recipients

In honor of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murtha of Essex, Visiting Nurses of the Lower Valley (VNLV) awarded their annual scholarship to two local high school seniors. This year's scholarship recipients are Katherine Roberts and Catherine Minegar of Old Saybrook.

The scholarship was awarded based on academic achievement and extracurricular activities. Emphasis is placed on nursing in the selection process.

Susan Maxwell, Executive Director, stated "We were impressed by both candidates' exceptional qualities, dedication to their course work, extracurricular activities, as well as their commitment to helping others. We are delighted to honor them as this year's scholarship winners, and we wish them the best in their continued studies."

Community healthcare is growing and these talented individuals will meet the dynamic challenges that we face in the healthcare industry. VNLV is proud to recognize the achievements of these fine young individuals!



ABOUT VISITING NURSES OF THE LOWER VALLEY

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The Essex Foundation **Helps Equip Sensory Gym at The Mayer Center**

Awards \$10,000 Grant to Support Children & Adolescents with Developmental Challenges



Members of The Essex Foundation Board of Directors tour The Mayer Center, Middlesex Health's new facility offering comprehensive services for children and adolescents with developmental challenges.

The Essex Foundation recently answered a call for support from Middlesex Health's The Mayer Center, a comprehensive service provider for children and adolescents with developmental challenges, such as autism, sensory processing disorder, speech disorders and cerebral palsy. The Foundation's \$10,000 grant helped

fund equipment for the sensory gym at the new 3,100 square-foot facility, located in a renovated space at 252 Westbrook Road in Essex, the former site of Middlesex Health's Shoreline Medical Center. According to Bruce Glowac, President of The Essex Foundation, "It was an easy decision by the Board to make the award and support

the vital services provided at The Mayer Center. We are happy to help ensure area children and their families have access to a state-of-the-art facility."

The Mayer Center is proud to offer applied behavioral analysis and treatment, speech and language pathology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, all at one location. In addition to the sensory gym, the center has private treatment rooms and a group therapy space. The holistic treatment approach allows families to get the care that's needed with decreased travel and scheduling time.

The Essex Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex residents by providing funding for needs not met by other organizations or sources. The Foundation relies on donations from individuals, businesses and other community groups to fund special community projects and needs that benefit Essex residents.

More information can be found online at: www.theessexfoundation.org or by emailing: contact@theessexfoundation.org.

FISH (Friends in Service Here)

FISH was founded locally in 1970 to provide free rides to medical appointments for residents of Essex, Deep River, and Chester. The officers for 2023 are Henry May, President; Mary Samburg, Secretary; Barbara Ryan, Treasurer; Jack Frost, Driver Recruitment; and Bob Mountz, At Large. Dispatchers are John Heiser and Pat Callahan. The scheduler is Tony Carrano. Longtime driver and Vice President Stuart Warner retired in early 2023.

The volume of free rides given has increased from 35 to 45 per month to 60 to 70 per month, just less than pre-pandemic numbers of rides.

After not having FISH Annual Meetings in 2020 and 2021, FISH did have an Annual Meeting November 3, 2022.

The modest FISH budget is funded by grants from the Essex Community Fund, the Community Foundation of

Middlesex County, the Essex Rotary Club, the Essex Savings Bank, the Deep River Community Health Committee, the Town of Chester, the Town of Essex, and other organizations, as well as by contributions from our drivers, riders, and friends.

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World Cultures Programs are Back at Essex Elementary School

SECOND & THIRD GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN HAITI DAY THANKS TO THE JUSTUS W. PAUL WORLD CULTURE PROGRAM

After a long pause to the annual program during the pandemic, the Essex Elementary School Foundation (EESF) is pleased to announce the return of the Justus W. Paul World Culture Program at Essex Elementary School (EES).

Throughout the 2022-2023 school year, students in the second and third grade participated in three programs dedicated to the countries and cultures of China, India, and Haiti.

Haiti Day was the most recent of the daylong programs held on Friday, April 21st. The celebration included an opportunity to learn about Haitian culture, traditions and art presented by Haitian born EES parent JP Poullard. A musical demonstration presented by a 3-piece Caribbean band followed with students participating in limbo dances and taking turns on the steel drum.



JP Poullard Shares Stories From Haiti With 2nd & 3rd Grade EES Students

“We are so grateful to the EESF for supporting our students in understanding various cultures around the world. Our children learn through these experiences and build tolerance for others and their differences through programs such as Haiti day,” says EES principal Jennifer Tousignant.

Since its inception in 1996, the Essex Elementary School Foundation’s primary goal has been to create a significant endowment that can support the school’s strategic vision and to engage all students in a rigorous and collaborative educational program.

Each year, at least 5% of the EESF endowment is allocated for supplemental enrichment programs and projects proposed by the Essex Elementary School administration that would otherwise not be available through traditional funding by the school system and budget.

For more information visit us at: www.essexesf.org.

Sister Cities Essex Haiti

Sister Cities Essex Haiti (SCEH) was proud to be among the many worthy and varied recipients of funds for their programs in rural Deschapelles, Haiti at the annual Essex Lion's Club gathering. SCEH Board member Jenifer Grant attended the reception to receive the generous gift of financial support. Much of Haiti has been experiencing disruptions due to gang activity and kidnapping as well as lack of government.



Jenifer Grant receiving the Essex Lion's Club financial support.



Activities at the Deschapelles Library.

Deschapelles, where the SCEH programs are located, recently experienced some disruptions but is now back on track with our wonderful library as well as with tennis, music and robotics activities. SCEH is very grateful to our local Lion's Club for supporting Essex's Sister City of Deschapelles. Books, tennis, music, robotics practices and creative activities as well as computer training bring joy to many making it possible for youth and adults to expand their knowledge and skills.

As members of the SCEH International organization, which encourages interactions between people of all ages from different countries, we look forward to being able to travel again to Haiti to learn from them as well as bring new ideas. We welcome Essex residents and others to become involved with our organization both here and hopefully soon, in Haiti. Visit our website at: SisterCitiesEssexHaiti.org or contact Jenifer Grant at: j.grant767@sbcglobal.net.



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Community Music School Turns 40!



Community Music School (CMS) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year! A 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization based at Spencer's Corner in Centerbrook, CMS continues to provide essential musical education and experiences for residents of all ages, taught by accomplished artist faculty members, all holding degrees in music (many with advanced degrees).

The school is busy planning for the fall, including excellent Music Together® classes for ages 0-5 with caregiver.

Registration is also underway for private lessons on all instruments and voice, as well as ensemble opportunities such as the CMS String Orchestra, New Horizons Band, Acoustic Classic Rock Ensemble, Studio 24 Vocal Performance

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Celebrating the Community Music School 40th Anniversary

On Oct 14 CMS celebrates its 40th Anniversary with a special fundraiser concert "Todd Ellison and Friends" at the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center. Todd is an acclaimed Broadway music director/pianist (and Essex native) and will be joined by a star-studded roster of friends as they celebrate the music of Broadway!

Featured performers include Marissa McGowan, who has performed in A Little Night Music on Broadway, as well as in Les Miserables and Show Boat, and as soloist with Symphony Orchestras throughout the U.S. Tickets are



Todd Ellison and Marissa McGowan, will perform for the CMS 40th Anniversary at the Kate on Oct 14.



now available at the Kate box office.

Information

More information about the Community Music School and how to participate in its programs can be found by visiting the school at: 90 Main Street in Centerbrook, on the internet at: www.cmsct.org, or by phone at: 860-767-0026.

INTRODUCING... Friends of Tri-Town Youth Services!



The Friends of Tri-Town Youth Services is a newly established committee, designed to support the agency's community outreach by spreading the word about programs, services and new initiatives.

The Friends engage with residents, businesses, clubs, and organizations regularly to strengthen relationships and communication.

FRIENDS are community volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of youth and families in our community by supporting the efforts of Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau. We donate our time and talents to help support the success of events, volunteering in support of Tri-Town's partnerships and helping with Tri-Town led activities.

HOW DO I BECOME A FRIEND?

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News from the Riverfront at the Connecticut River Museum

This season we had ideal weather for watching eagles as they settled into their nests, laid eggs, and began the process of rearing the fledglings. Plus, we saw ospreys, hawks, and many other birds. Cruises continue on RiverQuest all summerlong! The Onrust is also sailing the River providing an opportunity to step back in time as you imagine the Connecticut River in 1614.

When you visit the Museum, don't miss our special exhibits in the third-floor gallery:

WATER / WAYS: A Smithsonian exhibit, Water / Ways dives into water (June 3 - August 13, 2023)

—an essential component of life on our planet, environmentally, culturally, and historically. Here in Essex, we love the River and we all have a role to play in ensuring that River continues to thrive for generations to come.

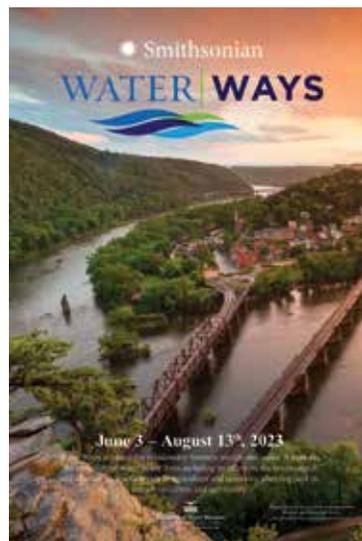
WATERWAYS OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY (August 29 - October 8, 2023):

Treat yourself to plein air paintings of the Connecticut River Valley by Jerry Weiss, an artist who has chronicled the River

for 30 years, revealing the balance between the human presence and the enduring natural beauty of the environment.

DID YOU KNOW!

The Kids Summer Camp at the Connecticut River Museum returns this season from July 10 - August 18, 2023. Each week, camp runs Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and has a different theme. Join us to catch critters with dip and seine nets, to hoist sails or to become a history detective. Best for kids between 6 and 12 years old. If the young person in your life is feeling bored, visit the registration page today.



Water / Ways is on view through August 13.

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Nesting eagles seen from RiverQuest.

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Essex Harbor Commission

With the advent of a new boating season in Essex, mariners are reminded e-foils (also known as hydrofoils and self-propelled surfboards) are prohibited for operation in waters of the State of Connecticut.

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Get Set for Summer with Essex Historical Society



As the weather warms, here's how you can add a little history to your summer plans:

Visit the 1732 Pratt House on Weekend Afternoons

- EHS invites the public to visit Pratt House (1732) for free guided tours of Essex's only historic house museum. Learn from your knowledgeable guides about early American life in a Connecticut River seaport town. Enjoy Pratt's beautiful grounds, historic kitchen and pollinator gardens, reconstructed barn with history timeline and museum shop. Tours are free and open to the public every Saturday and Sunday through October 1 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Explore Historic Neighborhoods with EHS's Walking Tours

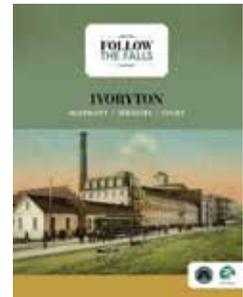
- **Essex Village:** Meet at the foot of Main Street to learn about Essex's Maritime past. Sundays: July 23, August 27 or September 24 at 5:00 pm.
- **Ivoryton Village:** Meet at Ivoryton Library to explore



Investigate Ivoryton this summer with our walking tours!
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the industrial past of this former factory village. Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 pm.

- **Prospect Street & West Ave., Essex:** Meet at Pratt House, 19 West Ave., to learn about this neighborhood of historic houses, churches and community landmarks. Saturday, August 26, 1:00 pm. Punch and cookies at the end!



View the Essex Historical Society's Ivoryton Booklet.
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More Upcoming Events

For more info on our upcoming events, please visit: www.essexhistory.org or contact us at: membership@essexhistory.org, 860-767-0681 or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @essexhistory.

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Grandparent Scam (aka Car Accident Scam)

Scams are not a new phenomenon in society. They have been around, seemingly, forever. As technology advances and the Internet continues to make anonymity easier, the basic scam is, well, not so “basic” anymore. For example, AI (artificial intelligence,) has been shown recently to take only a matter of seconds and a few words from an unsuspecting victim to clone their speech pattern and use it against them. There is guidance that suggests you should never answer an unknown caller with the word “yes” when they ask if they are “speaking to Mr. or Mrs. so-and-so.” The voice sample can be recorded and used as consent to access your private records.

You have probably heard about “Grandparent Scams” or “Car Accident Scams” where criminals call a victim, typically someone who is older, and tell them their grandchild, child, or another relative was involved in a car accident. Criminals will typically portray themselves as a lawyer or bail bond agent. They then direct the victim to call another number to speak to the lawyer who is representing their family member. The criminals claim they need money for legal fees or to bail the person out of jail. The criminals

often include several reasons why the victim should not contact the police directly, suggesting that the victim is unable to verify the information with the proper authorities. Criminals use the Internet to conduct some degree of research to identify older targets who have children, as well as the names of the children or grandchildren.



According to the Federal Trade Commission, the latest version of this scam uses AI technology to replicate the voice of a loved one, adding heightened reality and emotion to the call. How are they doing this, you might ask? Usually, the voices are cloned from an online Facebook or Instagram video post in which your family member speaks. The result is that the scam call is more believable to the victim. You know your family.

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Criminals have also begun asking victims to pay them or send them money using cryptocurrency, gift cards, or money wires that are unlikely for the victim to ever get their money back, as they are permanent, untraceable, and not Federally regulated or insured. There have been several instances recently where criminals instruct victims to withdraw a large amount of cash from their bank, package it in an envelope, and hand it to a driver, who typically brings the package to another state. The drivers are usually innocent, unsuspecting Uber (or other rideshare service) workers who have no info on their client (the criminal.) It should be noted that scammers in these cases have specifically told victims not to speak with banking officials, who are trained to prevent their customers from becoming victims of known scams.

The best defense against these types of scams is building awareness for all and helping them to recognize and report these incidents faster and more frequently. Do not give unknown callers any information, especially privileged information (like passwords) or personally identifying information (like names, birthdays, social security numbers, phone numbers, emails, etc.). Additionally, most people can avoid being scammed by slowing down and verifying where they are sending money and by what means. Many of these scams depend on the criminals creating a sense of urgency so that the victim feels they do not have any time to validate what they are being told. By taking the time to make a few additional phone calls and conducting some research, victims should be able to identify these calls as scams.

If you or anyone you know has become a victim of one of these scams, especially if it involved the transferring of money, a report should be submitted to the FBI's Internet Crimes Complaint Center (IC3). If you or anyone you know has become a victim of identity theft a report should also be submitted to the Federal Trade Commissions (FTC) online reporting tool. The FTC also has a fraud reporting website at: <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>.

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Judge Jeannine Lewis,
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Thanks to a tremendous outpouring of community support it took just six months to reach the \$100,000 goal to fund the Essex Veterans Memorial Hall's expansion and renovation project. In September, The Essex Foundation announced a matching gift challenge where every dollar up to \$50,000 donated by community members, groups, and businesses would be matched 100% by the Foundation to help Hall members in their efforts to welcome more community members and better serve their needs. Community contributions hit the \$50,000 mark in March, triggering the Foundation's \$50,000 match and a celebratory check presentation at the Centerbrook site on April 13.



Members of The Essex Foundation Board and Essex Veterans Memorial Hall share a celebratory moment after the presentation of a \$100,000 gift to the Hall funded by community donations that were matched by the Foundation.

"I am overwhelmed by the generosity and the number of individuals who contributed to this cause," commented Bruce Glowac, President of The Essex Foundation Board of Directors. "Thank you to all for once again demonstrating what wonderful communities we live in."

Construction planning and work, overseen by House Committee Chair Paul Knudsen, will now move forward, and includes enlarging and renovating the kitchen, adding a new porch and outdoor dining area, installing a new roof and ADA accessible ramp, and updating the meeting room interior. Hall members will provide most of the volunteer labor while the \$100,000 award will be used to cover the cost of equipment, materials, and specialized labor.

Essex Veterans Memorial Hall is the last known stand-alone 501(c)(19) nonprofit

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veterans' organization on the East Coast. After World War II the Town of Essex conveyed the Centerbrook Schoolhouse to the group for \$1 with the stipulation that the organization remain intact and take full responsibility for maintaining the building. Located at 3 Westbrook Road in Centerbrook, it now serves as a resource for 180 members, their families, and the greater community.

Other nonprofit groups use the Hall free of charge for meetings and activities. Non-members can rent the space for special events and celebrations.

With recent renovations, parking lot improvements, and the installation

of a stand-by generator, also supported by grants from The Essex Foundation, the Hall can also be used as a community comfort station during storm-related power outages.

Founded in 1970, The Essex Foundation, Inc is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex citizens by providing support for new services and needs not met by other charitable organizations.

More information on the Matching Gift Challenge and other projects supported by The Essex Foundation can be found at: www.TheEssexFoundation.org.

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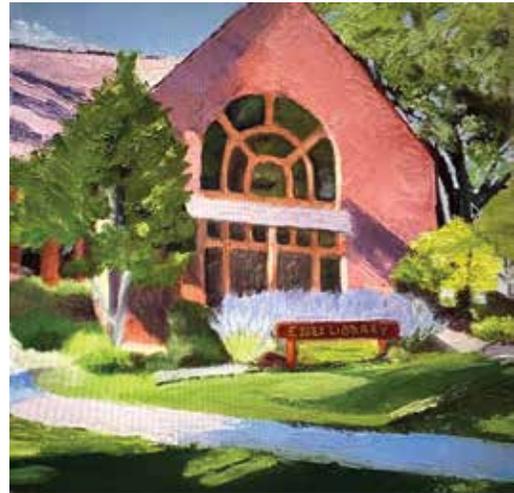
Don't miss the big tri-town summer show! The Essex, Ivoryton, Chester, and Deep River libraries have collaborated to bring Bryson Lang to the community at the Chester Meeting House on July 27. This show is amazing for all ages, and not one to miss.

The Summer Reading theme this year is **Find Your Voice**, and we have been having so much fun learning the different ways we can express ourselves. The fun continues through August with exciting children's programming, including but not limited to American Sign Language classes on Zoom, Family Paint Night and Karaoke Night, Animal Programs with DPNC, story times for all ages, and art and STEAM programs for toddlers! Amazing teen programming will also continue, with new clubs forming around poetry, art, and anime & manga. Join the Bring Your Own Book Club or

put together a team for a special teen board game night in August! Check our website for specific dates and times.

Essex Library is also thrilled to announce the beginning of our Teen and Tween Dungeons and Dragons Guilds. We will start in early August with Intro to DnD for Tweens and Intro to DnD for Teens. Participants will be invited to learn about the world of DnD by playing a one-shot game with

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pre-made characters to get a feel for how DnD is played. Character building and campaigns will begin in early September, so stay tuned!

Adults will be able to supplement their own summer reading in August as the library makes copies of *The Color Purple*

by Alice Walker available for a community-wide reading event. Readers will be prepared for the discussions and other programs that will follow in the fall in conjunction with the Ivoryton Playhouse's production of the musical based on this Pulitzer and National Book Award-winning novel.

Essex Library is your air-conditioned oasis for finding your next favorite book, learning a new skill or broadening your horizons. There are no overdue fees for Essex Library materials and our programs and events are always FREE and open to the public.

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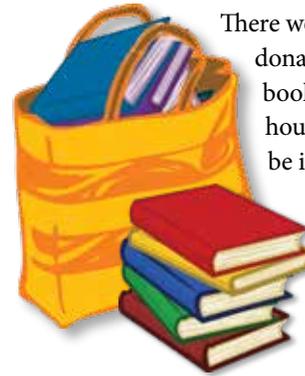
A Big Thank You & Bag of Books Sale in October!

A big thank you goes out to all who attended the 2nd Annual Cocktails with the Friend's event! It was a lovely evening with great conversation, scrumptious nibbles, and lively music all at one beautiful location.

During the heat of the summer, take time to slow down and read great books. Our focused monthly sale for August features art and coffee table books. September through mid-October features literature, poetry, humor and politics.

BOOK SALE NEWS

Mark your calendars for the fall book sale on Saturday, October 14th and Monday, October 16th. Saturday will feature our regular sale and Monday is the Bag of Books sale. Fill your bag with books for just \$10 and get a second bag for \$5.



There would be no sales without your generous donations. Please drop off your gently used books, puzzles, and games during library hours. Remember that donations need to be in good condition. Think resale! Visit www.youressexlibrary.org/friends/friends-book-sale/ for a detailed description of donation "please's" and "no thank you's."

As always, thank you for supporting the library and remember to check the website at: www.youressexlibrary.org often, to see what's new at the library and with the Friends!



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At the beginning of the year, we asked you to respond to our survey about changes the Ivoryton Library could make to better serve our community. Many people asked for Sunday hours and now, we're open on Sundays!

In fact, we're open seven days a week:

Monday 9-5	Friday 9-5
Tuesday 9-5	Saturday 9-12
Wednesday 9-8	Sunday 12-3
Thursday 9-5	Come see us!

It's summer and in Libraryland, that means Summer Reading activities for the kids! We're about halfway through but we still have a lot going on for children at the Ivoryton Library:

ASL with Katie Orcutt, Thursday, 8/10 at 4:00 pm for kids in Grades 2-8. Students and their parents are encouraged to join us for a 1/2 hour of basic American Sign Language instruction and practice.

Kids Who Code meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:00 pm for Grades 4-8. Participants will learn different aspects of computer science and complete various challenges!

Keep a look out for our Butterfly Garden Party for kids in Grades 2-8 (Date TBD) Held in the Children's Garden of the Library, we will be assisted by Essex Boy Scout, Tyler Ruel as he works towards his Eagle Scout award. He will be installing a Little Free Library for us to maintain as well as increasing our Butterfly garden!

On Thursday, July 27, we join with

Chester, Deep River and Essex Libraries to present comedy-juggler Bryson Lang. 4:00 pm at the Chester Meeting House.

We hope you are in training for the **Annual Ivoryton Pumpkin Chase**, our 5K through the village and Falls River Trail. Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 am.

COMING THIS NOVEMBER

The Ivoryton Library Escape Room. Welcome to Miss Havisham's parlor. You didn't drink her tea, did you?

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Even the weather cooperated. More than 2,000 members plants, 400 tomato plants, 500 herb plants and a plethora of hanging baskets went to happy homes. Sales of garlic salt, jewelry, boutique items, and treasures added to the record income.

At the same time, Garden Club members planted Knock-Out roses, Russian sage, and Prima Angelina sedum throughout the islands of Centerbrook, Essex and Ivoryton – courtesy of the Club's annual flower budget and a generous donation from the estate of the late Essex Garden Club member Thea Alderman.

In addition, plants were given to the Ancient Order of Essex Weeders for the islands along Route 154 at the intersection of Route 153. Annuals have also been planted at the Silent Policeman, in the containers in front of Town Hall, in pots in the Town Park and at the Transfer Station.

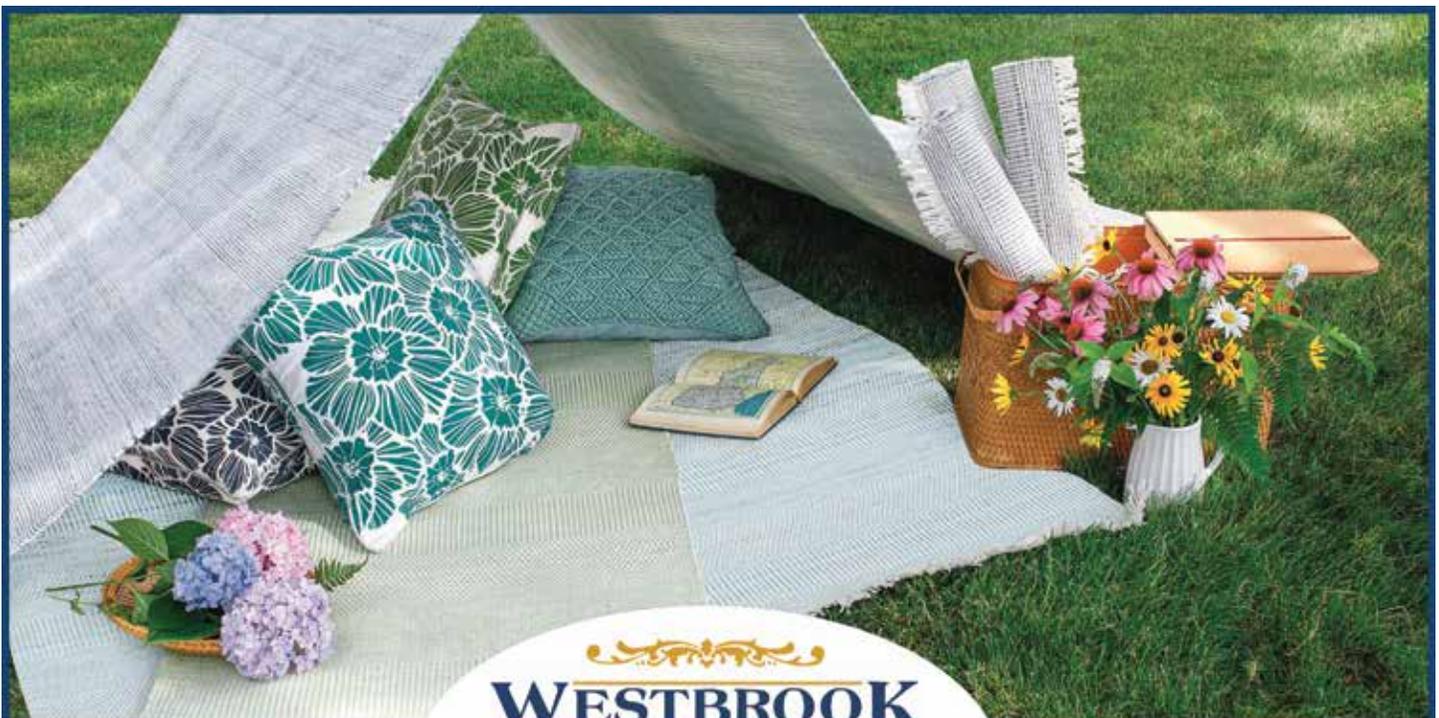
Garden Club members will continue to take care of watering



Tomatoes, tomatoes, everywhere!

and weeding these areas, keeping our Town beautiful throughout the summer.

And the best news of all The Club funded scholarships to six area students totaling \$20,000. Camperships were also provided for 43 Essex Elementary students to attend



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Photo courtesy of Leslie Barlow Photo.

area environmental camps offered by the Incarnation Center, Camp Hazen, and Essex Parks and Recreation this summer.

The proceeds from the Club's annual May Market make these scholarships possible along with generous grants received from The Kitchings Family Foundation and Essex Savings Bank.

The Essex Garden Club thanks all who made these successes possible – we couldn't do it without you!

For more information about the activities of the Essex Garden Club or to learn about membership, please visit our website at: www.essexgardenclubct.org.

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David Pittsinger.
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WAITING IN THE WINGS

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The EIWWC helps balance the interests of property owners with protecting wetland ecosystems. The EIWWC regulated most proposed activities within wetland areas. While many people are aware that wetlands are legally protected, many do not realize that wetlands and watercourses are bordered by a designated 100-foot upland Review Area that is also legally protected from disturbance without a permit.

The EIWWC regulates activities such as tree or brush removal, filling, excavating and construction in wetlands and in the 100 foot- Upland Review Area. These activities can cause soil loss and erosion that can damage adjacent wetlands. Wetland areas are legally designated by a soil scientist or other professional.

Regulated activities require a permit application that is approved by the Commission. Non-regulated activities such as outdoor recreation, swimming, canoeing, camping and hiking are not regulated and do not require a permit, provided that they do not significantly disturb the natural character of the wetland or watercourse.

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As the gentleman was looking all around with a perplexed expression, the Sailing Master's Captain approached and offered "Can we help you?" The gentleman took a long gaze at the Sailing Masters in their War of 1812 Naval Uniforms. "I am looking for the naval base in Essex, England. Are you the Royal Navy?"

"Um..no. This is Essex, CT, in the United States." "Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear. My GPS must be a bit off. That would explain why the English Channel was a lot wider than I expected. It was really the Atlantic Ocean," the gentleman explained.

The Captain pressed "May we ask who you are?" The gentleman paused and apologized; "Permit me to introduce myself," as he doffed his rather large hat and bowed low at the waist. "I am Karl Friedrich Munchausen - Admiral of the Fleet in the Imperial wwSwiss Navy."



Sailing Masters of 1812 marching. Photo by Anna Sullivan.

The Sailing Masters all exchanged curious glances. "The Imperial Swiss Navy?" "Yes; I serve, his Imperial Majesty - the Emperor of all Switzerland; Mightiest of the Mighty." As they digested that introduction, one of the musicians inquired tentatively, "But isn't Switzerland landlocked?"

"Ah! All part of the Emperor's brilliant plan!" proclaimed the Admiral. "Do you recall how Pearl Harbor suffered a sneak attack? By having no harbors, nobody can suddenly attack our ships in port." "Switzerland has ships?" a Fifer politely probed.

"No. That is also part of the Emperor's genius. And we have a mutual Naval Aid Pact with Austria and Luxembourg." Aren't those countries

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landlocked too?” a Snare Drummer diplomatically queried. The Admiral nodded sagely. “Of course. If we have no harbors and no ships; they can’t be attacked. You must admit it makes perfect sense.”

After a long hush, a thoroughly amused Color Guard broke the silence. “Well, you can’t really argue with the Emperor’s logic. “With his innovative strategy, the Emperor fears no threats, no dangers, no enemies.” “It sounds like your Emperor is quite unflappable,” the Color Guard admitted. “It is true!” The Admiral verified as he stabbed the air with his finger. “The Emperor cannot be flapped!”

A second Fifer couldn’t help asking; “If you have no ships, how did you get here?” “I just flew in from Switzerland; and boy are my arms tired.” “Are you sure you are looking for a naval base? It sounds like you’re looking for a stand-up comedy club... a bad one” countered the Fifer with a smile. “Not at all” came the straight-faced reply.

“That is a very splendid uniform” admired a Lieutenant with a shiny Bos’n Pipe prominent on her uniform, in an attempt to change the subject. “This old thing?” the Admiral reacted courteously. “This is what Swiss Admirals wear on laundry day.”

A Bass Drummer toward the back beckoned; “What are all of the medals for?”



Sailing Masters of 1812 in concert.

“The Emperor graciously bestowed these decorations upon me as a reward for being undefeated at sea.” The Color Guard Lieutenant chimed in. “How many sea battles have you been in?” “None. What part of ‘No ships’ don’t you understand?” queried the Admiral with his head cocked slightly to one side, and a quizzical look on his face. “It’s much easier to remain undefeated if you never fight a battle.”

“You must admit it makes perfect sense!” another Drummer pointed out chirpily.

“Well obviously” rejoined the Admiral. “Now if I may ask; exactly who are you?”

“We are the Sailing Masters of 1812.” the Captain announced proudly. “We are...”

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"A Fife & Drum Corps!" exclaimed the Admiral cutting the Captain off mid-sentence.

"You still have many admirers in Switzerland! Your Corps visited Switzerland several years ago and played with our Swiss Fife & Drum Corps. Our people loved your music and remember it as being such an enjoyable time. As a matter of fact, villagers in the mountains still sing folk songs about you!"

"I have heard many stories about you. That you lead many fun parades in your town throughout the year. You commemorate your town's battle with the British in the War of 1812. You kick off your town's winter holiday season. About your Irish tradition of 'The Wearing of the Green.' You dress in outlandish costumes to celebrate your Halloween."

He pondered for a few seconds. "I heard another story... something about your Corps escorting a very large groundhog up Main Street while wearing groundhog hats? I must not have heard that right. That would be inexplicable. Nobody would do that."

"Yes! We welcome Essex Ed!" confirmed the Captain with a wide grin.



Staring unblinking at the Captain, the Admiral considered for a moment. "Forgive me for saying so Captain; but I must admit I find the behavior of the Sailing Masters to be a bit peculiar..."

If you want to have fun in a 'peculiar' way, and would like to have villagers in the mountains sing folk songs about you, the Sailing Masters invite you

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The Sailing Masters of 1812 can be contacted through our Facebook Page or at: info@sailingmasters.org; or please contact Vicki at: 860-212-1606 or captainvicki1812@gmail.com.

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1. Stay far away from fallen tree limbs and electrical wires; assume all downed wires are "live."
2. NEVER drive over fallen wires or



- around a barricade and NEVER move or relocate a barricade. Barricades are intentionally placed for your protection and signify danger ahead. Use an alternate route to get to your destination
3. Operate power generators outside of the home and adhere to all safety procedures
4. Refer to: www.Eversource.com for Storm Preparedness and Restoration Processes.

Stay safe,
Lisa Fasulo,
Emergency Management Director

Public Access TV is Alive and Well!

Never in a million years did I think I would still be doing this! My interest in video and public access TV began in the early 1980s when I chaired the board of the newly created access tv station in Windsor called WIN-TV. Back then, all 6 towns in the greater Hartford area had their own stations, each with its own access coordinator. When Win-TV's coordinator told me he would be leaving, I applied for and received the job. Newly armed with an associate degree in mass communications and a love of my community, the job was a good fit. Because the concept was new, I was given the freedom to implement innovative ideas, with ample support from wonderful volunteers. I did everything including fundraising, program production, scheduling, publicity, and training. When a camera-shy volunteer preferred being behind the scenes, I hosted the show.



Valley Shore Community TV

Fast forward 40 plus years including my move to Essex 20 years ago, where I became involved with the local community. When I was President of the Essex Historical Society a friend, Terry Garrity, suggested oral histories for the Society. After attending a show being done by Valley Shore Community TV, I thought this may be the best way to do oral histories. I visited the TV station and gained support from their Access Coordinator, Chris Morgan.

I began producing the LOOKING BACK series in 2015, which features community members who have led extraordinary lives. Essex Town Hall on Saturdays 9:00 – 10:00 am. They can also be seen at other times on the station's website, VSCTV.com, or YouTube.com or Nutmeg TV. Have a look and enjoy!

Mary Ann Pleva
Volunteer,
Valley Shore Community TV



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- This spring, “Warriors in the Community” VRHS seniors, Noah and Sofia, helped clear part of a huge patch of Japanese Knotweed at Essex Elementary School. Fifteen trash bags full of this aggressive, invasive plant and roots were chopped and dug out. To limit the spread of knotweed, plants cannot go into the Town brush pile. They must be bagged. Watch for additional “Invasive species cleanup days” this summer if you would like to volunteer!
- VRHS senior, Madeline Rice, presented the findings of her Capstone project on the potential benefits of solar carports at VRHS, to the May 10th meeting of Sustainable Essex.
- We have embarked on an ambitious program to support composting efforts at ALL Region 4 schools. **Partnering with Sustainable Chester and Deep River, we raised \$12,000 (matched by \$15,000 from Sustainable CT) to support:**



Earth Day litter clean up

1. **Food scrap** collection and transport in all 5 Region 4 Schools for 2 years.
2. **Bins and posters** at the schools to remind kids where food scraps should be disposed.
3. **A tri-town educational campaign** to educate EVERY HOUSEHOLD about food scrap diversion and composting.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

On June 14 Ivoryton resident and Essex Land Trust board member, Chet Arnold, presented “Threats to our local waterways and how we can help” at the Essex Library.

VICTORY GARDENS

This growing season, Sustainable Essex will be accepting dona-

Essex - Community Listings

HOUSES OF WORSHIP

- All Saints Episcopal Church..... (860) 767-1698
- First Baptist Church..... (860) 767-8623
- First Congregational Church (860) 767-8097
- St. Teresa of Calcutta Church..... (860) 767-1284
- St. John’s Episcopal Church..... (860) 767-8095
- Trinity Lutheran Church (860) 767-0228

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Ancient Order of Weeders (860) 767-2700
- Democratic Town Committee..... (860) 767-1973
- Community Foundation of Middlesex County (860) 347-0025
- Tri-Town Cub Scout Pack 13..... (860)-558-2121
..... tritownpack13@gmail
- Essex Board of Trade..... (860) 767-3904
- Essex Boy Scouts of America..... (860) 304-9027
- Essex Community Fund..... (860) 304-2751
- Essex Cub Scouts of America (860) 790-0681
- Essex Garden Club (973) 809-6832
- Essex Historical Society (860) 767-0681

- Essex Lion’s Club (860) 767-8072
- Essex Land Trust.....info@essexlandtrust.org
- Essex Little League..... www.essexlittleleague.org
- Essex Veterans Memorial Hall (860) 767-8892
- F.I.S.H. (860) 388-2693
- Ivoryton Company of Fifers & Drummers (860) 767-2237
- Ivoryton Village Allianceinfo@ivorytonalliance.org
- Lower Valley Visiting Nurses (860) 767-0186
- Republican Town Committee..... (860) 262-0226
- SCORE Mentors (860) 388-9508
- The Shoreline Soup Kitchens (860) 388-1988
- Tri-Town Youth Services Bureau (860) 526-3600
- 9 Town Transit (860) 510-0429

SCHOOLS

- Essex Elementary School (860) 767-8215
- John Winthrop Middle School..... (860) 526-9546
- Superintendent..... (860) 526-2417
- Valley Regional High School..... (860) 526-5328



tions of produce from your garden and delivering them to Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries. Essex Town Hall Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am beginning - ongoing. Thank you for sharing!

TAKING A WALK IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Thank you for bringing along a glove and a small trash bag to rid our town of unsightly, polluting litter.

Follow us on Facebook and visit us at: www.sustainableessex.com.



Hazardous Waste Collections & Paper Shredding Events

Free household hazardous waste collections for Essex residents will take place from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following Saturdays:

- August 19, 2023** - (old) HHW facility, 11 Dump Rd., Essex
- September 16, 2023** - Middlesex Community College, 100 Training Hill Rd., Middletown
- October 21, 2023** - Haddam Elementary School, 272 Saybrook Rd., Higganum

Free paper shredding events for Essex residents will take place from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on the following Saturdays:

- September 23, 2023** - Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main St., Middlefield
- October 14, 2023** - Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Ave., Chester

To learn details and acceptable materials please visit us at: www.rivercog.org/household-hazardous-waste or find us on Facebook at: facebook.com/rivercog.



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Tree Committee Finalizes Tree Planting List & Winds up 2023 Season

At the time of this July printing, the Essex Tree Committee will have finished their spring planting season. They will start work on next year's plans in September.

Below is the list of trees that the ETC developed and will be installed in 2023. As of June 2023, there were 10 planted, 2 of which were donated. There were 2 replacements for trees that succumbed to the elements.

LOCATION	QUANTITY	TREE SPECIES
#35 Main Street Essex	1	Styrax
#1 Laurel Road Essex	3	Redbuds
#25 Kings Lane	1	October Glory Maple
West Avenue Essex	1	Red Sunset Maple
Sunset Pond		
Bokum Road	1	Red Oak
Cobble Stone Court		
#7 High Street Essex	1	Red Sunset Maple
Corner of Clark Lane & Maple Avenue	1	October Glory Maple
Corner of Main Street		Undetermined
Ivoryton & Walnut Street		
Essex Elementary School	1	Red Sunset Maple

The Tree Committee is happy to accept donations for trees or plant memorial trees. The person's name for whom the tree was planted is engraved on a plaque in Town Hall. The ETC is pleased to acknowledge the generous donations from the Garden Club and Land Trust and to have been a partner with them in their visions of beautification and preservation for Essex over the years.

Every Arbor Day a ceremony is held at the Essex Elementary School and the Essex Land Trust and the Essex Tree Committee jointly plant a tree. This year was no exception. The event was educational and enjoyable for all.

A SUMMARY OF THE ESSEX TREE COMMITTEE'S MISSION & DUTIES.

The Essex Tree Committee was founded in 1990 to inventory, preserve and replace our beautiful street trees. The Tree Committee has 6 members appointed by the Selectmen, and the Chairman, Augie Pampel, Essex Tree Warden, as an ex-officio member. The members serve for terms of 3 years. The Tree Committee meets in March, April, May, and September.

Funding comes from the Town, grants and donations. The ETC must plant on town property, not private or state property. However, the committee and Tree Warden consult with homeowners and Eversource to attain the best outcome when trees are slated for removal.

The goal is to replace trees in town that are taken down while providing diverse trees with beautiful structure. Once a tree is planted, the vendor is responsible for its care for the first year. Then the Town takes over. During the fall and winter, the Tree Committee considers possible planting sites and varieties.

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It is critical that we protect, preserve, and replace our wonderful Town trees that become diseased or stressed, as well as the trees on our own properties. Residents are welcome and encouraged to donate to the Tree Committee and can request a memorial tree be planted. More information may be found on the Tree Committee's page on the Town website at: www.essexct.gov/tree-committee.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission



FIFTY YEARS AGO, IN MAY 1973, Connecticut's legislature established the Connecticut River Gateway Commission to "prevent deterioration of the natural and traditional riverway scene for the enjoyment of present and future generations."

The river's unhealthy condition and the prospect of a national park stretching from Canada to Long Island Sound bringing a possible federal override of local control prompted political action. Senator Abe Ribicoff quoted an observer, "unless steps [are] taken to protect this resource [the Connecticut River] it could easily turn into a marine version of the Berlin Turnpike."

The legislation required five of the eight lower river towns — Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook — to join the compact for it to become official. All eight towns voted to join. In addition to the towns, representatives from a regional planning agency and a designee of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Commissioner serve on the Gateway Commission today.

The Commission operates within a 21,500-acre Conservation Zone encompassing the river estuary and ridgelines that overlook the water. Its toolbox includes regulatory zoning standards, land protection and education. The Gateway Commission takes an even-handed approach in its responsibility, recognizing that the lower river valley's beauty makes the area desirable for development. A collaborative relationship with land use commissions, town planners and zoning enforcement officials helps the Commission strike a balance between preservation and development.

Since 1973, the Gateway has protected 1,100 acres of land in all eight River towns in partnership with towns, land trusts, private parties and the State.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission website is found at: <https://ctrivergateway.org/> and provides information on its mission and includes an interactive map so you may check if your home is within the conservation zone.

Parts of this submission are courtesy of Judy Preston and Estuary Magazine.

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From the Tree warden

Eversource Tree Trimming

Eversource has notified the Town that additional tree trimming will begin in the second and third quarters of 2023. Second quarter work will begin on Lynn Rd and the contractor will be Asplundh. The dark blue lines on the map are the roads that will be maintained by the contractor Lucas. Both contractors are obliged by the PURA (Public Utilities Regulatory Authority) regulations and state statutes to notify abutting owners of planned tree work on or over the Town roads. Tree owner approval is required for trees wholly on public property. According to these new statutes, residents have the right to accept the planned work, waive their rights to object to the work, modify the work or they can refuse all tree work if they choose. Residents wishing to modify the work or object to the trimming or removal should follow the procedure described in the brochures that will be given out by the contractor's permissions contact. Residents must also contact the Essex Tree Warden and Eversource in writing. The Tree Warden, Augie Pampel, can be reached at: augiepampel@att.net or 860-388-7209. Eversource can be reached at the address and number in the informational brochure provided.

Work will also be done on the red line roads.

To provide effective communication and better customer service, Eversource will seek property owner approval in advance of the tree work. Eversource will stop at all homes abutting areas of potential work to provide information and request approval for the trimming. It is incumbent upon the property owner to read the material carefully, ask questions, and / or contact the Eversource permissions contact listed on the brochures given to the property owners.

Trimming Specifications

CUSTOMER FOCUSED ETT (CF ETT)

Lynn Road ONLY:

Remove all branches and tall growing trees within the 10' clearance zone. Prune and remove all limbs within the clearance zone over the primary within 10' to the side of the outermost primary and all limbs within the clearance zone under the primary. Trim 2' open wire services and secondaries. Flat cut brush and cut vines.

STANDARD MAINTENANCE TRIM (SMT)

All other roads or streets identified on the map in dark blue:

Remove all branches within the clearance zone 8' to the side, 10' below, 15' overhead and hazards within reach of 70' bucket. Flat

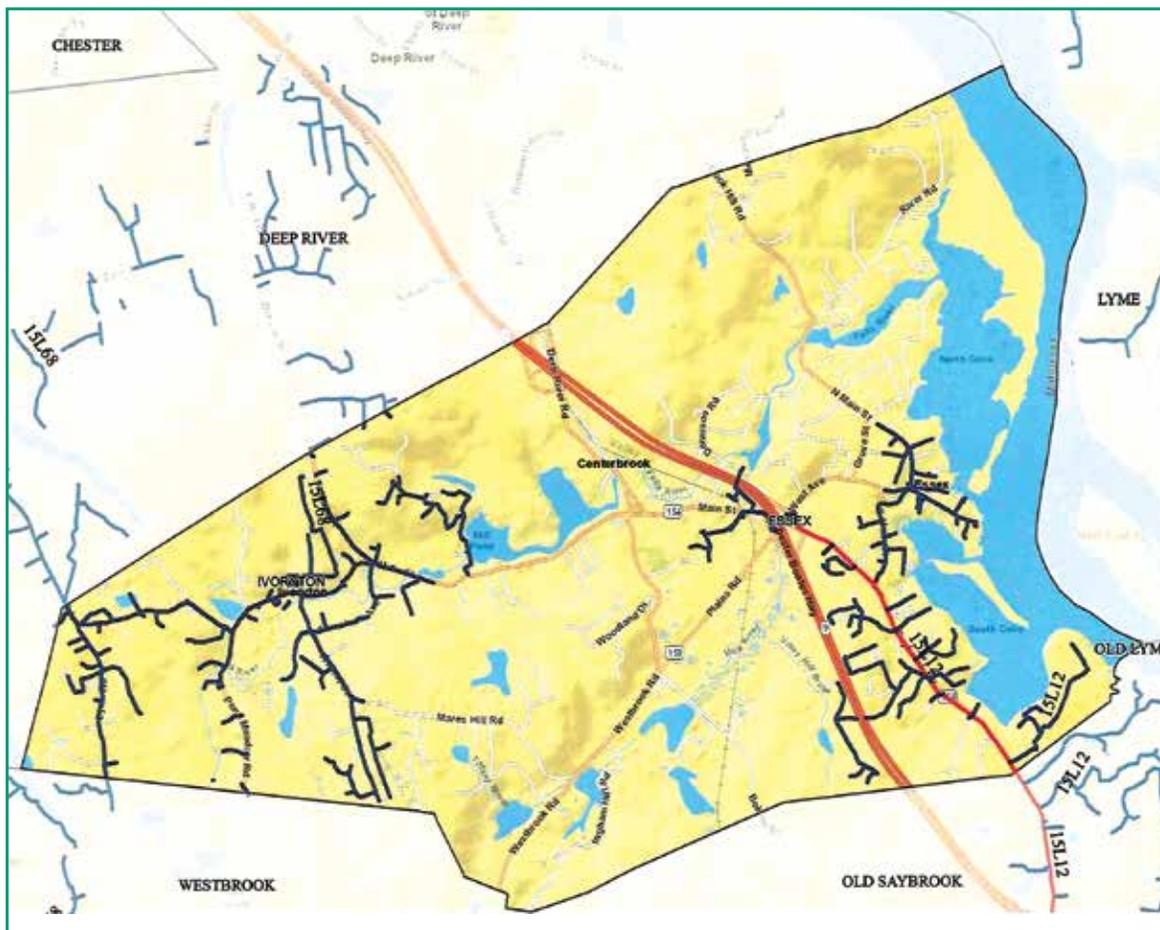
cut brush taller than telcom (16'). Trim 2' opening on open wire and secondary services. Flat cut brush and cut vines. Remove hazard trees less than or equal to 16" DBH within the clearance zone.

MAINTENANCE ETT (METT)

Red lines (Route 154)

Re-clear overhead to previously established ETT clearances, including new growth into the clearance zone 10' to the side of the outer most conductor on backbones (8' to the side on laterals) and all limbs in the clearance zone under the primary.

Augie Pampel,
Essex Tree Warden



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